NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (b) (2), a mixture consisting mainly of distilled vinegar had been substituted in whole or in part for wine vinegar; and, Section 402 (b) (4), distilled vinegar or acetic acid had been mixed and packed with the article so as to reduce its quality and strength.

Misbranding, Section 403 (a), the label statement "Pure Wine Vinegar" was false and misleading, since the product did not consist entirely of wine vinegar but consisted of a mixture comprised mainly of distilled vinegar.

DISPOSITION: November 20, 1947. A plea of guilty having been entered, the defendant was fined \$300.

VEGETABLES AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTS

13142. Misbranding of frozen asparagus. U. S. v. 25 Cases * * * *. (F. D. C. No. 24215. Sample No. 4136-K.)

LIBEL FILED: December 26, 1947, District of Massachusetts.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about February 6, 1947, by Atlas Foods, Inc., from New York, N.Y.

PRODUCT: 25 cases, each containing 36 12-ounce boxes, of frozen asparagus at Boston, Mass.

LABEL, IN PART: "Berry Brand Asparagus * * * Marvin Berry Co. * * * Bakersfield, California."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Misbranding, Section 403 (a), the vignette on the label depicting whole asparagus spears was false and misleading, since the product consisted of either asparagus spears cut in short pieces, or cut lower portions of asparagus stalks with tips mostly removed.

Disposition: March 1, 1948. Default decree of condemnation. The product was ordered delivered to a charitable institution.

13143. Adulteration of canned green beans. U. S. v. Alma Canning Co. Plea of nolo contendere. Fine, \$100. (F. D. C. No. 23295. Sample Nos. 38594-H, 38595-H.)

INFORMATION FILED: July 11, 1947, Western District of Arkansas, against the Alma Canning Co., a corporation, Alma, Ark.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about October 12, 1946, from the State of Arkansas into the State of Illinois.

LABEL, IN PART: "Alma Select Whole Green Beans Blue Lake," or "Alma Brand Extra Standard Whole Green Beans."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of worms, insect excreta, and insect-damaged beans.

DISPOSITION: November 5, 1947. A plea of nolo contendere having been entered, the defendant was fined \$100.

13144. Adulteration of canned corn. U. S. v. 176 Cases * * * (F. D. C. No. 24361. Sample Nos. 9367-K, 9368-K.)

LIBEL FILED: March 4, 1948, Southern District of New York.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about December 16, 1947, by Libby, McNeill & Libby, from Chicago, Ill.

PRODUCT: 176 cases, each containing 24 1-pound, 4-ounce cans, of corn at Bronx, N.Y.

LABEL, IN PART: "Libby's Country Gentleman White Sweet Corn Cream Style."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of insect fragments.

DISPOSITION: March 30, 1948. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.

13145. Adulteration of canned mustard greens. U. S. v. 45 Cases * * * (F. D. C. No. 24451. Sample No. 22832-K.)

LIBEL FILED: February 25, 1948, Western District of Louisiana.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about July 9, 1945, by the E. L. Peterson Canning Co., Sallisaw, Okla.

PRODUCT: 45 cases, each containing 6 6-pound, 2-ounce cans, of mustard greens at Alexandria, La.

LABEL, IN PART: "El-Pete Mustard Greens."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of aphids, thrips, and other insects; and, Section 402 (b) (2), grass had been substituted in part for mustard greens.

DISPOSITION: April 26, 1948. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.

13146. Adulteration of dried mushrooms. U. S. v. 11 Crates * * *. (F. D. C. No. 24595. Sample No. 31726-K.)

LIBEL FILED: April 9, 1948, Southern District of California.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about March 18, 1948, by the Mondial Co., Inc., from New York, N. Y.

PRODUCT: 11 25-pound crates of dried mushrooms at Los Angeles, Calif.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of larvae and other insects.

DISPOSITION: May 4, 1948. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.

13147. Adulteration of canned black-eyed peas. U. S. v. 663 Cases * * * * (and 1 other seizure action). (F. D. C. Nos. 24504, 24691. Sample Nos. 136-K, 137-K.)

LIBELS FILED: On or about March 24 and April 5, 1948, Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about February 6 and 18, 1948, by the J. C. La Rue Co., from Meridian, Miss.

PRODUCT: Black-eyed peas. 663 cases at Thomasville, Ga., and 438 cases at Atlanta, Ga. Each case contained 24 1-pound, 4-ounce cans.

LABEL, IN PART: "Old Black Joe Black Eyed Peas."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of larvae and other insects. Thomasville lot. Misbranding, Section 403 (g) (1), the product failed to conform to the definition and standard of identity for canned black-eyed peas, since the regulations provide that the vegetable ingredient is obtained by proper preparation from the succulent vegetable, whereas the article was prepared from dried black-eyed peas.

DISPOSITION: May 10 and 13, 1948. Default decrees of condemnation. The Thomasville lot was ordered delivered to an institution, for use as hog feed, and

the Atlanta lot was ordered destroyed.

13148. Adulteration of canned field peas and canned field peas with snaps. U. S. v. Cherokee Products Co. Plea of nolo contendere. Fine, \$500. (F. D. C. No. 23274. Sample Nos. 54233-H, 54234-H, 54579-H, 54580-H, 54802-H.)

INFORMATION FILED: July 1, 1947, Middle District of Georgia, against the Cherokee Products Co., a partnership, Haddock, Ga.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about July 18, 19, and 25, and August 20, 22, and 29, 1946, from the State of Georgia into the States of Florida and North Carolina. LABEL. IN PART: "O'sage Brand."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the products consisted in part of filthy substances by reason of the presence of larvae.

DISPOSITION: October 16, 1947. A plea of nolo contendere having been entered, a fine of \$500 was imposed.

13149. Adulteration of canned field peas. U. S. v. 75 Cases * * *. (F. D. C. No. 24705. Sample No. 245–K.)

LIBEL FILED: April 9, 1948, Western District of South Carolina.